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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1886.

A Merry Christmas

Of all the days in the year not one is awaited with so many eager anticipations of pleasures to come as Christmas morn. In thousands of households, the shades of the poor as well as the rich, have preparations been going on for days, for this event. A deep air of mystery has prevailed and many a secret has been kept only by maintaining a constant watch over one's thoughts, lest some incautious act or word might reveal the surprise so carefully guarded. Thousands of little stockings, or perhaps more accurately speaking the stockings of thousands of little ones—for the stocking itself is often borrowed from the older members of the family with a view to its capacity—were hung last night when most accessible to Santa Claus, while thousands of little heads have turned and tossed through the long hours of the night filled with visions of the reindeer team and well-filled hamper of the ideal old gentleman who makes his annual advent into the household by way of the chimney. The older ones, while receiving untold happiness from the delightful surprises planned for the children, are by no means without their own anticipations of the bewitching remembrances in store for them, so that the day is to all a season of "Please on earth good will to man." Such a day appeals to the best and nobler sentiments of mankind, when everywhere a desire to contribute in some way to the happiness of a fellow creature. Many acts of kindness will be done to-day carrying with it joy and sunshine to some household which but for the generosity of those abundantly supplied with means to do would have had but little part in the rejoicing of this holiday season. The plan arranged by the ladies of the different churches to provide a Christmas dinner for the poor is one worthy of the kind hearts of the organists and the generous response to the appeal at foot shows that the people of Bangor always turn a willing ear to the promoters of a most praiseworthy effort of this character. No matter how small the contribution the fact of having done something to help on this work will give one an added thrill of pleasure for the good things on their own account. The success that has attended the first general effort to provide a Christmas dinner for the poor is such as to warrant the belief that it will become a regular feature of the day hereafter. That day may prove to one and all a Merry Christmas in the full sense of the word, the earnest wish of the whole.

## Reputation by the Party

Meeting on Saturday, a gentleman who has been recognized as one of the leaders of the party in this section for many years, the conversation turned upon the Collie-tomorrow matter. Referring to the present attitude of Mr. Bass, the gentleman said in substance: There is no doubt that the statement in the *Wing* that Mr. Bass is favored nearly every candidate that has been in the field is essentially correct. One of the leading men in the contest, not the successful candidate, could tell you of an interview with Mr. Bass just prior to his visit to the Capital. Mr. Bass had not then discovered that Gen. Roberts had an undoubted lead in the race and was inclined to favor this gentleman, but his conditions were rejected. When he reached Washington and learned there for the first time that the appointment of the General had been practically agreed upon, he came out as a determined man with the intention of course of being with the winning side. What he wants is to control some of the Custom House appointments under the new Collector in order to further his own ends. He has no standing in his own party and could not get the names of thirteen leading Democrats to a paper for any purpose whatever. His paper is not recognized as reflecting the sentiments of the party and in fact is regarded as independent at the same time he is trying to set himself up as the leader of the Democracy. There has not been an editorial to it recently of the name since it came under its recent management.

The speaker is practically the substitute of Mr. Roberts and will tend to show the standing of Mr. Bass among the members of the Democratic party in this city and will be of interest at just this time.

## Customs Districts

The bill to reduce the Customs Districts in the U. S. reported by Mr. Breckinridge of the Ways and Means Committee the day before yesterday to a review, reduces the districts from 136 to 72 and readjusts the salaried collectors. The bill reduces the Collector on Duties in Maine from 14 to 10. The Bath, Wiscasset and Walloomsac districts are united in one district. The York and Kennebec districts are united with the Portland district. The Belfast, Castine, Bangor and Ellsworth districts are united in one district. And the Piscataquog and Merrimack districts are united. These are taken away from the District of Portland, Bath, Bangor and Ellsworth with a collection of 100,000. Deputy collectors are run in the same manner as the districts above them.

Mr. Breckinridge has not yet completed his report showing the changes in detail. The bill is not likely to pass.

## Mr. Reed on the Tariff

[Interview with R. P. Porter.]

It is afternoon at 4 o'clock I meet Mr. Thomas B. Reed of Maine, on his way home after having put in a faithful day's work for his constituents in particular and the country generally at the Capitol. The brisk wind had diminished the statesman's face with the tinge of pink, while the contemplative rest from the cares of state and release from the weathered atmosphere of the House of Representatives made him look unusually happy.

What do the Republicans intend to do about the surplus? Is it possible for them, with the House controlled, to do anything? Republicans throughout the country are exceedingly interested in this question and would be glad to get your views on the subject.

You ask me," said Mr. Reed, "if the Republicans purpose doing anything in regard to the surplus revenue. I think that things do you that you don't fully appreciate the situation. It is true that when anything is to be done, the country naturally looks to the Republican party, but all revenue must originate in the House. The House is to a large extent Democratic by majority. Its whole organization is in that body. The prevailing rule on all revenue measures must be to tax the Committee on Ways and Means."

"There is no other way of acting. They must begin, nobody else can."

"There is no other way of acting. If John D. Tammes, a young man, is to be assisted by Prof. J. C. Leaman."

dence of the House and to propose measures acceptable to the House, the committee appointed by Mr. Cole, the elected Speaker by the Democrats. Three times it has wrestled with the problem, and three times it has been thrown. The fifth time it will be at work again, and it is to be hoped punishment. The first Morristown bill of the current series was shown by the bearings on it to be so unsound and unavailable that it was abandoned by its author. The second bill was an attempt to amend the first. Despite the opposition of a majority—that its consideration even was beaten prior to election by 17 votes. After election, with the addition of the Republicans to the Administration, with the Turkish intervention in India, and the like, it was decided by an adverse minority of five, many of those who voted for reconsideration loudly pronouncing their repudiation of the bill itself in advance."

"Under such circumstances as you describe, what is the program for Mr. Morristown and his committee to do?"

"Now, I do not pretend that the gentle men who desire the British system of tariff should follow the British system of puritanism, but I do insist that they do not insist that it is an entirely logical thing that the estimates of the House should be—and that this Committee of Ways and Means should have been organized in accordance with the sentiments of the majority of the House. Doubtless Mr. Cole and his committee are right, but the House should keep their mouths shut about the surplus."

"Then you think it is unreasonable to expect the Republicans to do anything?"

"While the Democrats hold an impregnable position, why should we not take the way we have? We have not the power to act, why should we be asked to assume a responsibility which we have no power to put into action?"

"So far as the surplus is concerned, the chair would appoint a trade committee which puts a free list of Democrat members of Congress in the chair to appoint a trade committee. Can we not reduce it by reducing the surplus, how low?"

"One of two things, either the

Democrats on the committee would resign and allow us new committee to represent us, or we would have to go to the House."

"I think it would need to be almost innumerable obstacles," I suggested, parenthetically.

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